

WHEN MR. AND MRS. WILSON EXPECT TO RETURN HOME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The capital is still dancing. The event of the week was the Southern Relief Ball, which really, in spite of the absence of the President and Mrs. Wilson, seemed to beat the event's own brilliant annual record. And there are at least half a dozen more big dances to benefit worthy causes between now and Ash Wednesday, less than a month off.

With the return of the President and Mrs. Wilson drawing near it is hoped that there will be a White House social programme announced which will continue festivities several weeks, if not all through Lent. It is even hoped that they may get here in time to be seen at some of the later balls, which will come like this:

February 14 an authors' carnival held by the League of American Penwomen, at which you are asked to appear in the guise of some famous author, and the next afternoon will be followed on the next afternoon by a sale of autographed books and photographs; February 21, ball for the benefit of Noel House; vaudeville concert and dance at Mrs. Gaff's for the benefit of the British-American War Relief; February 22, ball for the benefit of the Home for Children; March 3, Neighborhood House benefit ball, to be known as the "League of Nations" ball, and the Mardi Gras ball—probably the gayest of them all—for the benefit of the French milk for France fund; a costume ball without any costume specification.

There's a list for you! And even at that it would not be astonishing if one or two more were sprung on us. "When the President comes home" is well, perfectly wonderful things are apparently going to happen. The phrase is on every lip, has been ever since he departed, and now that his sailing date has been approximately fixed and it is fairly certain that he and Mrs. Wilson will be here before the end of the month things are speeding up, even though they were going pretty fast already.

Even the stores feel the impulse. People are looking forward to "some sort of a White House season."

Which, by the way, reminds me that I have heard a rumor to the effect that Mrs. Wilson has been asked to present one or two of the gowns that she has worn during this epoch making tour to the collection of costumes of the mistresses of the White House, especially those which they have worn on historic occasions, that is on exhibition at the National Museum.

It is said that Mrs. Wilson readily consented, and even had some of her gowns made with this particular end in view. It is guessed that one selected for immortalization is the few seen blue evening gown, which, according to press reports, she wore at the state dinner given for the President of the United States and his wife at the Elisee Palace by President of France and Mme. Poincaré. It is thought that the biscuit colored, fur trimmed cloth costume in which she made her entrance into Paris is another to be preserved.

It was Mrs. Rose Gouverneur Hoopes, whose mother was a niece of President Monroe, and was married in the White House during his Administration, who was mainly instrumental in

Southern Relief Ball Brilliant Affair of the Week and Calendar Is a Lively One From Now Until Lent

setting together this most interesting collection of costumes worn by the wives of the Presidents. The collection is a very complete one, and includes a gown worn by Martha Washington and a frock that belonged to Dolly Madison.

To return to the possibilities of a White House season. Of course there is Lent—rather later than usual, but still on the way and inevitable. To be sure, circumstances alter cases, and anyhow nobody pays very much attention to Lent nowadays. Even dancing goes merrily on. But to be correct it must be more or less informal dancing, or else for the benefit of some good cause.

As for the White House, when Lent has come very early the last of the state receptions have sometimes been in Lent. The Army and Navy reception is the last on the regular routine White House calendar. It is always a brilliant one, and if they have one this year it will be the most thrilling thing imaginable. Fancy the demand for cards! And fancy the woe of the swarms of officers who have had no occasion to wear any but service uniforms. They are suddenly confronted with an occasion where dress uniforms are in order. And fully 50 per cent. of them getting out of the service as fast as the authorities can get around to arranging their discharges, with no further use for uniforms, dress uniforms.

The fact that Mrs. Wilson is an Episcopalian, and rather a strong one, would seem to be rather against the probability of anything like a White House programme of state functions running through Lent; though it should give her a reason for being in the White House during Lent. The weeks between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Musicals seem to be a generally contented Lenten amusement and they have been quite usual at the White House for years, except the last two seasons when the country was at war. During Lent of 1917, after the President had ousted Herr storm, there were no large gatherings of any sort at the White House at which there would have been the slightest difficulty in identifying every one of the guests, although the country did not actually go to war till April.

On the other hand the whole programme of "state functions" may well be postponed until after Lent—and break another precedent by having them in the spring season instead of the dead winter. With Easter coming so late, April 20, they might even take the form of garden parties—delectable thought, to any one who has ever attended a party in the lovely White House gardens in the spring! There is absolutely no public reason now why there should not be a diplomatic reception—a thing Washington has not seen since 1914. Even before the United States entered the war diplomatic receptions were out of the question, since the diplomats of nations were not asked to come, and another must not be asked to come within sight of each other. The only serious obstacle to a diplomatic reception now would be scarcity of diplomats, so many of them being in

Paris attending the Peace Conference and not likely to return with the President's party.

There does seem to be a rather general theory among those who are supposed to be in the know that Lord Reading, the British Ambassador, is likely to return to America with the President—not, alas, to stay, but merely to visit on his affairs, attend to certain business, and then resign his Ambassadorship and go back to the Lord Chief Justiceship, which is his real life work.

It is easy to predict that if he does come back for even that little flying visit, he will be kept on the go. For he and Lady Reading were certainly most popular while they were here. They made friends right and left.

At present the diplomatic corps is all shot to pieces. Practically every Ambassador and every Minister whose nation is even remotely concerned in the Paris conference has been sent to Paris as a delegate or observer, and come home and advise the delegation which his country is sending—from the French and Italian Ambassadors (the British being already over there) down to the Chinese Minister, the Greek Minister, George Roussoff, and Mme. de Blane the only Europeans of ambassadorial rank, and the storm center of diplomatic entertaining. Among others to the fore as honor guests are the new Dutch Minister, and Mme. Cremer, the new Chilean Minister, and Mme. Mathieu, the always popular Swiss Minister and Mme. Sulzer, and the Minister of Salvador and Mme. Zaldivar.

The Mathieus have established themselves at the big new Waldorf Park Inn and Mme. Mathieu has announced that she is receiving on Friday, the generally recognized diplomatic day. Mme. Cremer has also fallen into official routine and is observing her Fridays at home; Mme.

Sulzer has been doing it since early in the winter, except for a couple of weeks when she had influenza, and one when she received with Mme. Cremer at her first at home.

Mme. Bonillas, wife of the Mexican Ambassador (she, by the way, is American born, but has spent most of her life in Mexico and speaks English with a marked accent), has also been at home on several Fridays, and abetted by her lovely daughters, Mme. Juan B. Rojo and Senorita Maria Bonillas. And now the Bonillas are announcing the engagement of their daughter Maria to Lieut. Giuseppe Coppola of the Italian war mission at Washington, and then resign his Ambassadorship and go back to the Mexican Embassy, Maria being her sister's maid of honor.

About fifteen months ago Senorita Maria, the daughter of the Mexican Ambassador, became the wife of Dr. Rojo, a member of the Mexican Embassy, Maria being her sister's maid of honor.

Neither the Zaldivars nor the Sulzers nor yet the Bonillas are being entertained as newcomers; all are very thoroughly established and have made a place for themselves in the Washington society. On the other hand, there are the new Serbian Minister and Mme. Slavko Grouitch, only recently arrived and for the time at least established at the Shoreham. But though new arrivals in the Diplomatic Corps, they are old friends. At least Mrs. Grouitch, formerly Mrs. William American girl, Mabel Dunlap, of West Virginia connection, who made her debut in Washington.

Meanwhile there are always the Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall as the largest lions in Washington society—at once domestic and domesticated. Being out of Washington a few days, I asked a friend, "What's doing?" "Nothing," except that the Marshalls

have dined every night and been to Baltimore twice; and Secretary and Mrs. Daniels went over to Annapolis, as did a good many of the rest of us, for the Naval Academy commencement and a few things like that.

It sounds as if the Marshalls were the only people in town who had dined, which is a long way from being true. Everybody is giving dinners for everybody else. The Calhouns gave a big one for the Attorney-General and Mrs. Gregory, and the very Honorable gave one for the ladies, leaving Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., who had been their house guest for a few days, over for the event. And the George Bakhteffs, the former Russian Ambassador and his wife, who have been keeping very quiet socially for the last couple of years, gave a big dinner last Sunday night.

To return for a moment to the Marshalls: The Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall have cards out for their first official dinner party of the season on February 14, when they will entertain in honor of the President pro tem of the Senate and Mrs. Wilson and Saburo, if they were going to entertain officially for the Saburos; they had to do it quickly; for though he is President pro tem of the Senate and a very important man among the Democratic Senators, he is one of those who lost out in the last election, and will not be in Congress after March 3. And from now until the first of March the Marshalls and their house guest, Mrs. McCallen of Indianapolis, are going to be so continually on the go that they will probably mark as red letter nights the infrequent ones when they are permitted to dine quietly at home. During the week two of the dinners for them were those of Mrs. Richard Townsend and Mrs. Kellogg.

Two of the most interesting "at homes" of the week were those of Mrs. Medill McCormick on Tuesday afternoon and Mrs. John Hays Hammond on Wednesday. In each case it was the hostess's first one of the season. With Mrs. McCormick it was the first of three announced for successive Wednesdays.

I went on Friday afternoon to a reception at the Congressional Club, Secretary Daniels being the guest of honor. The Marine Band was on duty from 3 to 4; then Secretary Daniels was introduced in "a few well chosen words," telling us what a great Secretary of the Navy he is, what a great navy we have and how necessary it is to keep on having one, and at 5 o'clock they served tea.

The most important events on the club programme this year have been the reception of the Marshalls a couple of weeks ago, and on the following Thursday afternoon one at which Mr. Taft was given a veritable ovation when he spoke on "The League of Nations." Mrs. Taft was with her husband, and after the talk they held an informal reception. Mr. Horace Mann, Towns, the president of the club, presenting the guests.

WHITE SULPHUR. WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Feb. 8.—(Special to the Sun.) The White Sulphur Springs resort has gained a new lease on life this year and White Sulphur Springs is enjoying one of the liveliest winter seasons in its history. Many reservations have been made at the Greenbrier.

A. Arthur J. Morris and W. P. Carson are here from New York for a few weeks. Mr. Carson is a member of the Bryn Mawr are among those seen on the links every day.

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Mission; flumed oak; 4 large and 2 small drawers; 18 x 18 in. mirror. | Folding Cots, \$4.95
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